REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 29, 2000 with claims 1-19. Claims 1, 12-17 and 19 have been amended and claim 18 has been canceled. Claims 1-17 and 19 remain pending, and claims 1, 17 and 19 are the pending independent claims.

In the outstanding Office Action dated June 17, 2004, the Examiner: (i) rejected the declaration as being defective; (ii) objected to the drawings; (iii) rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; (iv) rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,963,909 to Warren et al. (hereinafter "Warren"); and (v) rejected claim 18 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75.

With regard to the rejection of the declaration, the Office Action cites MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02, in stating that the declaration is defective because it does not identify the city and either state or foreign country of residence of each inventor. This residence information may be provided on either an application data sheet or supplemental oath or declaration. An Application Data Sheet containing the residence information of each inventor was submitted with the application upon filing on December 29, 2000. A copy of the portion of the previously filed Application Data Sheet containing the address information is enclosed herewith.

With regard to the objection to the drawings, the specification has been amended to disclose the reference numerals referred to in the Office Action. No new matter has been added.

With regard to the rejections of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and 37 C.F.R. §1.75, claim 18 has been canceled.

With regard to the rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Warren, Applicants have amended claims 1, 12-17 and 19. Independent claims 1, 17 and 19 have been amended to recite that a subset of the plurality of cryptographic token keys are transmitted to the receiving client, and that the receiving client is enabled to decrypt a subset of encrypted sequential data blocks that correspond to the subset of cryptographic token keys transferred, thereby enabling access to at least one selected portion of the media file. Support for this amendment can be found on page 4, lines 7-11, page 11, lines 5-10 and page 12, lines 6-11 of the specification.

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Warren discloses the reproduction of a full multi-media data signal through the use of multimedia frames and encryption keys, but fails to disclose the transfer of a subset of the plurality of cryptographic token keys so that only a subset of the of the sequential data blocks corresponding to the subset of cryptographic token keys are decrypted. Thus, Warren does not disclose the ability to selectively allow only a selected portion of the media file to be accessed as recited in the independent claims of the present invention.

Dependent claims 2-16 are patentable by virtue of their dependence on claim 1, and also contain patentable subject matter in their own right. Claim 18 has been canceled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1-17 and 19 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the §112 and §102(b) rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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